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Fenton Johnson

Lying on a mammy's breast at night.
I looked and saw the angel descending
And a crown of stars was in his hand:
"Be ye not amazed, good friend," he said,
"I bring a diadem of righteousness,
A covenant from the Lord of life,
That in the morning you will see
Eternal streets of gold and pearl aglow
And be with me in blessèd Paradise."

The vision faded. I awoke and heard
A mocking-bird upon my window-sill.

THE WONDERFUL MORNING

When it is morning in the cornfield
I am to go and meet my Jesus
 Riding on His white horse.
When it is morning in the cornfield
I am to be there in my glory.
 Shout, my brethren! Shout, my sisters!
I am to meet the King of Morning
 Way down in the cornfield.

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